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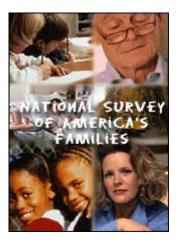
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MILLIONS OF CHILDREN STILL REMAIN UNINSURED



According to the Urban Institute's 2002 National Survey of Families' America's (NSAF) Snapshots, 7.8 million children in the U.S. were uninsured in While this 2002. represents a decrease of 1.8 million children over the past three years, it also signifies that at least 4 million who children were

eligible for SCHIP or Medicaid were not enrolled. The survey found that the vast majority of lowincome families with uninsured children would have enrolled their children if they knew that they qualified for benefits. The findings were released by "Covering Kids & Families," a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation initiative, at the launch of its annual Back-to-School campaign, a nationwide effort to inform families about low-cost and free health care coverage. According to Urban Institute data, children enrolled in SCHIP or Medicaid were 1.5 times more likely than uninsured children to receive well-child and other office visits and dental care. In contrast, uninsured children were three times more likely than those covered by SCHIP or Medicaid to lack a continuous source of medical care and 1.5 times more likely to have an unmet medical, dental, or prescription drug need. Additional findings revealed that, over the past



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three years, African-American and Hispanic children, along with those living in low-income households, made the largest strides in obtaining

insurance coverage, primarily due to SCHIP and Medicaid coverage. However, the percentage of

uninsured
AfricanAmerican
and Hispanic
children is
greater than
that of nonHispanic
white
children.



Approximately 10% of African-American and 21%

of Hispanic children were uninsured in 2002, although a significant number of them were eligible for SCHIP or Medicaid. In comparison, about 7% of non-Hispanic white children were uninsured in 2002. For more information, visit

http://www.urban.org/r/snapshots.cfm. Additional information on the Covering Kids & Families campaign is available at

http://www.coveringkids.org

KIPHS



UPDATE

by Pete Kitch

One of the byproducts of 9-11 and the anthrax scare was the realization that state public health laboratories were vulnerable from a surge capacity standpoint. Last year I was the lead technical consultant for а requirements specification workgroup jointly sponsored by the Association of Public Health Laboratories and the Public Health Informatics Institute. As we visited various state laboratories it became apparent that their information systems were inadequate in a bioterrorism era. It was not so much a problem with their instrument capacity as it was with their ability to receive, process and enter test request information into their systems.

Bob Bostrom, with KDHE's Division of Health and Environmental Laboratories (DHEL), was also one of the workgroup participants. As a result we have jointly designed and programmed an electronic interface between KIPHS and DHEL for the purpose of reducing turn around time and helping to create additional surge capacity by reducing the information handling constraint associated with test request processing. The interface design can also be used by other DHEL clients choosing to modify their clinic systems to submit electronic lab requests and receive back electronic test result reports.

In order to create the electronic submittal capability within KIPHS, the next KIPHS release enables the user to specify any DHEL test request and capture the associated sample and test data as a part of the encounter entry process. These test requests are then "packaged" and transmitted to KDHE through HAWK. Once the tests have been completed, the results are posted to a submitter specific mailbox from which the submitter can download the DHEL lab report and post the test results in the client's KIPHS master record.

We are currently in the pilot testing phase and anticipate full release of the interface before the end of the year. We believe this module will significantly improve Kansas' laboratory testing capacity, both under normal loads as well as during disease outbreaks or other adverse health events.

Dorothy Woodin Award

Martha Siemsen, ARNP

Awarded to a public health nurse for outstanding public health nursing services.

Martha Siemsen began her career in public health in October of 1967 as a district nurse for the Shelby County Health Department in Memphis, Tennessee. There, she worked in the ante partum, well-child and chronic disease clinics and provided school nursing services. In 1977, Martha began



supervising nurses assigned to rural Shelby County. There, she developed chronic disease orientation materials for public health nurses. In 1998, Martha joined the Immunization Program at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment as assistant director where she is known for her high level of professionalism, her ability to recognize the needs around her, and her resolve in responding to those needs. Congratulations Martha!

KU MEDICAL CENTER RECEIVED GRANT Assist Entire State in Preparing for Bioterrorism



The University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) will lead a training effort to enable health care professionals in the State of Kansas to prepare and respond to the threat of bioterrorism. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

approved a \$1.2 million grant, which will bring together medical expertise from KUMC (from both the Kansas City and Wichita campuses), bioterrorism experts from the Kansas Department



of Health and Environment (KDHE), agricultural research leaders from Kansas State University, and specialists from throughout the state. The program will also use KUMC's leadership in telemedicine technology to provide distance learning opportunities for physicians, nurses, allied health professionals, pharmacists and other emergency providers.



"Since September 11, 2001, KU Medical Center has worked diligently to share our knowledge of emergency medical response,

infectious disease and other specialties to prepare Kansas to meet the threat of terrorism." said Donald F. Hagen, MD, executive vice chancellor of the University of Kansas Medical Center. "With this grant, we can pull together leading experts throughout the state in the event of a bioterrorism attack. This is part of our missions and part of our responsibility to our state and we are pleased to continue our leadership role in this area."

The plan calls for six regional meetings in Kansas to bring physicians, nurses, allied health professionals, pharmacists and emergency responders together to learn the latest technical knowledge and the latest planning by the state to respond. The meetings will be held in Kansas City on December 3rd, in Pittsburg on December 5th, in Topeka on December 8th, in Wichita on December 10th, in Garden City on December 12th, and Hays on December 15th.

A second phase will use KUMC's telemedicine interactive video technology to give more specific training to each specific discipline. "We will be able to target programs to physicians, nurses, allied health professionals, pharmacists and other groups of health care providers. The information will be tailored to each group's needs and issues. Using our telemedicine technology, we can provide this level of specialized training at a fraction of the costs of what it would require to train each group in person," said David Cook, PhD, Director of Health and Technology Outreach at KUMC and Principle Investigator of the HHS bioterrorism grant. Cook said the grant will fund the first year of this program. Grant funding of an additional \$1.1 million for a second year program, which would include a massive disaster simulation designed to show the practical application of the training, was recommended by the DHHS pending availability of funds and satisfactory progress of the project.

REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

Northeast: Next meeting December 11, 2003, at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference 4th Floor, Topeka, from 10am-3pm.

North Central: Next meeting is scheduled from 9:30am-3pm on December 9, 2003 (place to be announced at later date).

Northwest: Next meeting is December 11, 2003, from 10am-3pm at the Colonial Steak House, I70 and Highway 83 in Oakley. Please RSVP to Georgetta for a lunch count at 785-672-4502 or email at lgcohdgeorgetta@colbyweb.com.

Southwest: Meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2003, from 9am-3pm at the Garden City Community College (room to be announced at a later date).i

Central KS: Next meeting is December 3, 2003, from 10am-3pm at the Reno County Health Department in Hutchinson.

Southeast: Next meeting is November 5, 2003, from 10am-3pm at the Holiday Par Motel in Chanute

South Central Coalition: Next meeting is December 5, 2003, in Greensburg. Contact Mitzi Hesser for details at 620-723-2136

NEW'S BRIEFS

Oral Health News

Kansas Inaugurates Oral Health Coalition

On September 12th, Kansas joined the ranks of many other states with a formal oral health coalition—designed to improve the oral health of Kansans through advocacy, public awareness and education.



The coalition, called Oral Health Kansas, will be a not-for-profit corporation with a board of directors, an executive director and part-time administrative support position. The new executive director should be on board by October 1st.

Over 70 people attended the inaugural meeting of Oral Health Kansas, including dentists, dental

hygienists, physicians, public health professionals, educators, funders and community leaders.

Kim Moore, President of United Methodist Health Ministry Fund—major supporter of oral health since 1997, welcomed participants and provided background on the coalition's development. Mary Baskett, KHSA Executive Director, described the mission, values and vision of Oral Health Kansas. Dawn McGlasson, state oral health consultant, reviewed the priorities the coalition will address in the first year including: a new surveillance system

to provide solid data on children's oral health status; educating legislators about oral



health issues; boosting dental participation in Medicaid and HealthWave; and supporting the expanded use of dental hygienists made possible by the Practice Act passed this year.

Kevin Robertson of the Kansas Dental Association and Sally Finney of the Kansas Public Health Association also addressed the inaugural meeting.

KDHE Gets \$50,000 Oral Health Grant

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment recently received a \$50,000 grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for a State Oral Health Collaborative Systems Grant to



strengthen efforts to improve oral health services for children and to increase their access to those services. In order to obtain reliable data on the oral health status of all Kansas children, an open mouth survey of Kansas' third graders and Head Start four-year-olds will be conducted. This information will serve to educate policymakers and the public by increasing awareness of oral health issues which will support policy development and program decision-making activities.



The Basic Screening Survey (BSS) developed by the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) will be used. By using this standardized tool (BSS), the data collected can be compared to data collected by other states

using the same survey. A sampling frame will be designed with the assistance of a dental epidemiologist. Data collected will include caries

experience, untreated decay, dental sealant status, treatment urgency, as well as socio-economic data including age, gender, race, and ethnicity, participation in the Free and Reduced Price Meal Program, and insurance status. This information, will help Kansas understand how it stands compared to other states in helping children receive necessary dental services to protect their oral health. Screeners must view a short "Basic Screening Survey" video to be calibrated on the scoring system and proper use of the forms provided. Only those children that return a positive consent form would receive a dental screening. KDHE will provide the video, all the necessary forms, and supplies to accomplish the screenings. The screenings will be conducted using gloves, mask, a penlight, and a cotton-tipped applicator to identify dental sealants. Follow-up treatment support will be needed for those children identified as having urgent dental treatment needs in the community.

KHSA Receives Oral Health Grant

Kansas Head Start Association

Kansas Head Start Association has received a grant from the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund (UMHMF) in Hutchinson for an Early Head Start Oral Health Initiative—the first of this type in the country.

UMHMF announced the availability of oral health "safety net grants" earlier this year. KHSA convened a group of health specialists to discuss the most pressing needs within our Head Start programs that could be addressed through this grant opportunity. The consensus was that we should focus on our youngest children and try to prevent cavities before they get started—thus the focus on Early Head Start. (EHS).

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All 16 EHS

Programs have been invited to participate in the initiative, which can impact up to 1000

children. Our goal is for 95 percent of the children to reach the age of three without dental caries (cavities).

The initiative includes staff and parent education approaches which have been very successful in other states; regular screenings, including fluoride varnish application; recruitment of additional dentists and dental hygienists; and an evaluation process to track and compare results.

Dr. Michael Kanellis, a pediatric dentist from Iowa who is nationally known as a champion for better oral health care for young children, is working with us. Dr. Kanellis and Mary Kelly, a dental hygienist, will be joining our state oral health consultant, Dawn McGlasson, and project coordinator Marcia Manter for a three-day training on November 5, 6 and 7 in Wichita.

The initiative will run for two years and has been funded for a total of \$52,000. For more information, contact Mary Baskett at 913-422-1700.

Fluoride Varnish Training

Fluoride Varnish Training was held on Friday, October 3, 2003 at these ITV locations: Pittsburg, Topeka, Hays, Wichita, and Garden City. A total of

92 participants attended the training across the state. Qualified health professionals learned about oral health risk assessment methods, anticipatory



guidance, and early intervention techniques including fluoride varnish application. Information was shared concerning the infectious and transmissible nature of the bacteria that causes Early Childhood Caries. A live demonstration of how to apply fluoride varnish was conducted on three young volunteers. A very special THANKS to Dawn McGlasson, RDH, BSDH, Oral Health Consultant, KDHE, Paul Kittle, DDS, Private Practice, Pediatric Dentistry, Leavenworth, KS, and Tricia Peck, MSN, ARNP, Neodesha, KS, for presenting the Fluoride Varnish Training.

SHS Has a New Application Form

Submitted by Jamey Kendal Director Services for Children with Special Health Care Needs

Services for Children with Special Health Care Needs (Special Health Services - SHS) have a new application form. Please contact our office at 1-800-332-6262 to have the new application forms sent to you. If you have any old applications, please make sure they are no longer used. A copy of the new application will also be sent with the next Health Department mailing so be sure to watch for it.

The new application has an **updated** consent form and **new** questions for the family to answer regarding whether the child/applicant is a U.S. Citizen and/or a legal resident of the U.S.

SHS requires all applicants to apply for HealthWave/Medicaid, but if they do not meet citizen/residency requirements and indicate this by answering the questions on the SHS application, the requirement for HealthWave application is waived. Please feel free to call our office if you have any questions.

CDC Releases Summary Health Statistics for U.S. Children



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently released "Summary Health Statistics for U.S. Children: National Health Interview Survey, 1999." This report provides statistics from

the 1999 National Health Interview Survey on selected health measures for children below the age of 18, classified by variables such as sex, age, race/ethnicity, poverty status, health insurance coverage, region, and current health status. Topics covered include asthma, allergies, learning disability, attention deficit disorder, use of medication, respondent-assessed health status, days lost from school, usual place of medical care, time since last contact with a health care professional, selected health care risk factors, and time since last dental visit. Specific findings include:

- In 1999, 83% of U.S. children under the age of 18 enjoyed excellent or very good health status;
- Despite this, 12% of children had no health insurance coverage and 6% had no usual place of medical care; and
- 9% of children in single-mother households had two or more visits to the emergency room in the past year compared to 4% of children in two parent households.

To view the report, go to http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr 10/sr10 2 10.pdf

New Respiratory Virus is Found Among Children in the United States

RN Journal - August 2003 (Esper, F., Boucher, D., Weibel C, Martinello RA, Kahn JS, (2003). Pediatrics, 111 (6), 1407.

PEDIATRICS

A newly emerging virus called human metapneumovirus (hMPV) that was first identified by Dutch researchers is circulating in the United States and may be a major cause of respiratory illnesses among infants and children, according to a Unlike the recently detected recent study. coronavirus that is believed to cause severe acute syndrome (SARS), hMPV is respiratory paramyxovirus. Ιt causes pneumonia-like symptoms, including wheezing, coughing, hypoxia, and abnormalities on chest X-ray, that may range mild to serious enough to require hospitalization. The incubation period of hMPV is unknown. Researchers retested existing respiratory specimens of 296 patients younger than 5 in New Haven, Conn. All of the patients had experienced respiratory symptoms, and testing had not identified any other respiratory pathogen. HMPV was detected in 19 patients (6.4%), including 11 who were hospitalized. Researchers say that further study is needed to determine how common hMPV is, whether it occurs seasonally, and which treatments might help.

Tobacco Use Prevention Program Director

The Central Kansas Foundation for Alcohol & Chemical Dependency is

looking for a dynamic leader to fill a full-time opening for a Tobacco Use Prevention Program Director. The Director is responsible for managing a large, multi-faceted grant project. Duties include overseeing sub-contractors, recruiting volunteers, managing finances, and directing a staff of two. Applicants must possess strong leadership, written, and verbal skills. Experience in working with the media and grant-writing helpful. A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in communications or human service related field is required. Excellent salary and benefits. Send resume and references to the Central Kansas Foundation, P.O. Box 2117, Salina, KS 67402-2217 by no later than November 3. EOE

Kansas Diabetes Prevention and Control Program

Assessment of Diabetes Resources in Kansas Survey of Local Health Departments

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is gathering information on services available in each Kansas community to persons with diabetes. The information collected will be used by the Kansas Diabetes Advisory Council to support a long-term plan to address diabetes in Kansas. All local health departments will be receiving a hard copy of the diabetes survey in Office of Local & Rural Health monthly mailing and by e-mail. Please return the completed survey to Kate Watson, MA, Program Manager, Kansas Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, Bureau of Health Promotion, KDHE, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 230, Topeka, KS 66612. For more information, please contact the survey help desk at (785) 296-8096.

CONFERENCE

Immunizations A Strong Foundation for Today's Challenge



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas State Nurses Association would like to extend an invitation for you to join us at the 2003 Kansas Annual Immunization

Conference. November 13-14, 2003 at the Wichita Marriott Hotel. Vaccines are among the 20th Century's most successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing disease and death. In Kansas we are getting closer to attaining our goal of having 90 percent or more of infants receiving the most critical dose of most recommended vaccines by age two. For more information ao to: http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/immunize/download/2 003 immunization conference brochure.pdf

Trainings

Medical Interpreter Training Scheduled for Fall



Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Office of Local and Rural Health, will sponsor six medical interpreter-training

sessions this coming year. Funding has been provided for these training sessions through the Heartland Centers for Public Health Workforce

Development, Saint Louis University, School of Public Health, and the KDHE/CDC Bioterrorism Grant Training Fund. The training sessions are listed below:

NE KANSAS

Lawrence Memorial Hospital 325 Maine, Room "D"
Lawrence, KS 66044

November 5, 6, 7, 13 & 14 from 8:00am-5:00pm

NC KANSAS

Catholic Charities 425 W. Iron, Board Room Salina, KS

December 8, 9, 15, 16 & 17 from 8:00am-5:00pm

NW KANSAS

Fort Hays State University Memorial Union, Trails Room College Drive Hays, KS 67601 March 22-26, 2004 from 8:00am-5:00pm

SC KANSAS

University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita 1010 N. Kansas, Santa Fe Room Wichita, KS 67214 July 15-16 & 21-23, 2004 from 8:00am-5:00pm

SW KANSAS

Western Plains Medical Complex Classroom located at the Annex Building (across from the hospital) 108 Ross Blvd. Dodge City, KS 67801 May 10-14, 2004 from 8:00am-5:00pm

For more information/or registration please contact Elizabeth Kizzie at Jewish Vocational Service, 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 142, e-mail address ekizzie@jvskc.org.

Healthy Start Home Visitor



Regional Training 2003

The planned educational topics for this regional HSHV training session will focus on asthma

(prevention) and the how to fill out public assistance forms. There is no charge associated with the meetings, however, in the interests of networking with one another, we would like to dine out together at a local restaurant whenever possible.

November 17th 1:00pm – 4:00pm at the Reno County Courthouse, Basement Meeting Room, 206 W. 1st Street, Hutchinson 620-694-2900 - South-Central Kansas - Barton, Rice, McPherson, Marion, Butler, Harvey, Reno, Stafford, Pawnee, Edwards, Kiowa, Pratt, Kingman, Sedgwick, Cowley, Sumner, Harper, Barber, Comanche.

December 4th 9:00am – noon at the Dickinson County Health Department, 1001 N. Brady, Abilene 785-263-4179 - North-Central Kansas - Smith, Jewell, Republic, Osborne, Mitchell, Cloud, Clay, Lincoln, Ottawa, Ellsworth, Saline, Dickinson.

December 16th 9:00am – noon at the Crawford County Mental Health Building, Board Room, 3101 N. Michigan, Pittsburg 620-231-5411 - Southeast Kansas – Greenwood, Woodson, Allen, Bourbon, Crawford, Neosho, Wilson, Elk, Chautauqua, Montgomery, Labette, Cherokee.

December 18th 9:00am – noon at the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department 200 Maine, Suite B, Section AB, Lawrence 785-843-3060 - Northeast Kansas - Doniphan, Brown, Nemaha, Marshall, Washington, Riley, Pottawatomie, Jackson, Atchison, Jefferson, Leavenworth, Johnson, Wvandotte, Douglas, Shawnee, Wabaunsee, Geary, Morris, Lyon, Chase, Osage, Franklin, Miami, Linn, Anderson, Coffey.

Please contact Christine Tuck, RN, Child Health Consultant, Bureau of Children, Youth and Families for KDHE if you have any questions or concerns at 785-296-7433 or email

ctuck@kdhe.state.ks.us

Regional Billing Group Workshop



BILLING CLERKS Invited

There will be an organizational meeting of the North West Regional Billing Group on November 5, 2003, from 9am to 12 noon. It will be located at Stockton, Kansas at the City Hall (115 S. Walnut). Park in the parking lot across the street (beside the post office) and go in the side door of City Hall and

you will be in the meeting room. Refreshments and drinks will be provided.

We will be discussing how you would like this group to be set up to help you and what type of speakers you would like to hear in the future.

Come and help us make this a valuable resource for you and your peers. See you there.

***Please RSVP Debbie Whitmer at dwhitmer@kdhe.state.ks.us if you will be attending, what county and how many from you county so we can make sure we have enough refreshments and chairs.

GENERAL WORKSHOPS

Continuing Education of interest to PH Workforce is listed by the Kansas State Board of Nursing at: http://www.ksbn.org.

Health Outreach Program

Look for the AHEC

trainings at: http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us then go

to "Additional PH Training Calendar"

NW KS AHEC - Register at: 785-628-6128. SW KS AHEC - Register at: 620-275-0259 SE KS AHEC - Register at: 620-235-4040

Kansas Division of Emergency Management: http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/trainingnew.ht m



www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn to view a complete list and register for training and programs. Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at (785) 625-5663 if you need

assistance.

To Order Tapes/CD's:

Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:

http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm

CDC BT programs:

http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp

Nursing Education

Ft. Hays Nursing: http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing

KU Nursing: KU has an on-line RN to BSN completion program:

http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm

Washburn PHN Certification Program- e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at: zzdnwl@washburn.edu

ANA's web site: http://www.RNCE.org
Other Continuing Education Online
The WALD CENTER: http://www.waldcenter.org
The Public Health Training Network: http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars: http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us. Click on the calendar you wish to view.

Training Finder: Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings http://www.trainingfinder.org.

The MMWR Continuing Education Program: http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr

MPH Kansas: http://mph.kumc.edu.

National Library of Medicine – http://www.nlm.nih.gov.

CDC BT Training -

at

http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center: http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness: http://slu.edu/centers/heartland

Centers for Public Health Preparedness: http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.as

Public Health Training Centers:

http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers:

http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp

Public Health Workforce Competencies

Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers: http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institutecenters/chphsr/btcomps.html

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice.

http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm

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Kansas Medical Assistance Program



Local Health Department Providers

Information about the Kansas Medical Assistance Program as well as provider manuals and other publications can be found at the KMAP web site: https://www.kmap-state-ks.us

FAMILY PLANNING CODE CROSSWALK:

Effective with implementation of HIPAA, with dates of service on and after October 16, 2003, the local codes for family planning listed below will be non-covered, and replaced with the codes specified below.

Crosswalk of codes:

| W1090 | Initial Family Planning Visit (This includes physical examination, IUD insertion/contraceptive supplies for one year, counseling and follow-up.) will be non-covered and crosswalk to; |
|-------|---|
| S0610 | Annual gynecological examination; new patient* |
| W1091 | Annual Family Planning Visit (Complete physical and contraceptive supplies.) will be non-covered and crosswalk to; |
| S0612 | Annual gynecological examination; established patient* |
| W1093 | Interim Family Planning Visit (Recheck of contraceptive method, modification of prescription, clinical problems and counseling.) will be non-covered and crosswalk to any of the following; |
| T1001 | Nursing Assessment / Evaluation* |
| 99211 | Office or outpatient visit, established patient, typically 5 minutes.* |
| 99212 | Office or outpatient visit, established patient, typically 10 minutes.* |
| 99213 | Office or outpatient visit, established patient, typically 15 minutes.* |
| 99214 | Office or outpatient visit, established patient, typically 25 minutes.* |
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* Refer to section 7000, (Revised Billing Instructions), of the provider manual for value codes used to indicate family planning on line 24H of the HCFA 1500.

New interChange provider manuals will be available later in October 2003.

Send requests for a hard copy of the complete bulletin and revised manual pages to: Publications Coordinator, 3600 SW Topeka Blvd, Suite 204, Topeka, Kansas 66611 or email: publications@ksxix.hcg.eds.com. Specify the bulletin by provider type, date, and include your mailing address with a specified individual if possible.

Kansas Tobacco Quitline

Mark Your Calendars for this Great Opportunity

What: Kansas Tobacco Quitline Informational Meeting

When: November 13, 2003 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Where: Memorial Hall, Memorial Building, 120 W. 10th, Topeka

The Kansas Tobacco Use Prevention Program will launch a statewide tobacco quitline on November 13. The Kansas Tobacco Quitline, 866-KAN-STOP, is a statewide, toll-free, telephone-based resource that provides screening, counseling, support materials and referral for tobacco cessation assistance based on an individual's readiness to quit. The program will provide comprehensive follow-up counseling support for Kansas citizens who are ready to quit or are contemplating a cessation attempt. The Quitline will be available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and always answered live by a smoking cessation counselor.

Join us at the informational meeting to learn more about the Kansas Tobacco Quitline and how your program can share in its success. We look forwarding to seeing you there.

